(b) what steps Government are taking to improve the production of edible oil in this country to save foreign exchange ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) The need to import edible oil and the quantity thereof is an on-going exercise based on the factors like indigenous availability of edible oils, its prices, foreign exchange availability etc., with due regard to encouraging indigenous producers of oilseeds to get remunerative prices.

(b) In order to increase the production of edible oils in the country, the Government have adopted a multi-pronged strategy which includes the following :

(i) Assistance to the States under the Centrally sponsored scheme of Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) for production and distribution of quality seeds, plant Protection measures and organising demonstrations of advanced technology.

(ii) Intensification of research efforts for increasing the production of oilseeds.

(iii) Exploitation of potential of obtaining oils from secondary sources i.e. oilseeds of tree and forest origin, rice bran etc.

(iv) Identification, of equipment for modernisation of processing units and setting up of processing and infrastructural facilities to keep pace with production programmes of oilseeds.

(v) Efforts towards cultivation of red palm.

(vi) Establishment of the Technology Mission on Oilseeds in 1986 for harnessing the best of production, processing and management technologies.

मध्य प्रदेश में उचित दर की दुकानें

1162 **श्री राधा किशन मालवीय :** क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के अधीन वितरण हेतु उचित दर की दुकानों को किन-किन खाद्य वस्तुओं तथा अन्य उपयोगी आवश्यक वस्तुओं का आबंटन किया जाता है; और

(ख) उचित दर की दुकानों से प्रत्येक जिले में विशेषत: मध्य प्रदेश के आदिवासी बाहुल्य जिलों में आवश्यक वस्तुओं की समय पर पूर्ति सुनिश्चित करने के लिए सरकार क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार रखती है ?

नागरिक पूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमालुद्दीन अहमद) : (क) केन्द्रीय सरकार, मध्य प्रदेश सहित, विभिन्न राज्यों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों को सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के अंतर्गत वितरण के लिए गेहूं, चावल, लेवी चीनी, मिट्टी के तेल, आयातित खाद्य तेल और साफ्ट कोक का आबंटन करती है ।

(ख) राज्य सरकारें, जिनमें मध्य प्रदेश भी शामिल है, अपने-अपने राज्यों के भीतर सभी क्षेत्रों में सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली की वस्तुओं की समय पर आपूर्ति सुनिश्चित करने के लिए भरसक प्रयास करती हैं । केन्द्रीय सरकार की जिम्मेदारी यह सुनिश्चित करने की है कि राज्य सरकारों को आबंटित सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली की वस्तुओं की समय से आपूर्ति हो । आगे जिलों आदि में वितरण राज्य सरकारों द्वारा किया जाता है ।

Performance of revamped PDS

1163. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of new Ration Cards issued under the revamped PDS in the

State/Union Territories with State and U.T.-wise figures;

(b) the list of essential commodities which are being supplied under the revamped PDS alongwith the price of each commodity;

(c) the number of new Ration Shops opened under the revamped PDS;

(d) whether vigilance Committees have also been set up in each State and Union Territory to monitor the performance of the PDS;

(e) if so, what are the feedbacks with Government from such Committees from each State/Union Territory;

(f) whether it is a fact that the essential commodities are not available in the metropolitan cities as well as in remote corners of the country; and

(g) if so, what remedial steps Government propose to take in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) The number of additional ration cards issued under the revamped Public Distribution System as reported by State Governments upto 30th April, 92 is given in the enclosed statement. [*See* below]

(b) The Central Issue Price of items for Public Distribution System and for ITDP areas are as under :—

(Rs. per quintal)

Commodity	PDS	ITDP areas	Effective from
Rice			
Common	377	327	28-12-91
Fine	437	387	28-12-91
Superfine	458	408	28-12-91
Wheat	280	230	28-12-91
Levy Sugar	690	690	21-01-92
Kerosene	Rs. 2201.54/ kl.		24/25-7-91
Imported Edible Oil	Bulk-Rs. 22000/ tonne 15 kg. (tin) Rs. 25000 per tonne		4-1-92
Soft Coke	Rs. 175/ tonne		27-5-1982

(c) 7,002 new ration shops have been opened by the State Governments.

(d) and (e) Most of the State Governments have set up Vigilance Committees at various levels. The administration of the Public Distribution System is done by the State Government/UT Administration, who have been delegated powers under the Essential Commodities Act for proper implementation of the PDS. The Vigilance Committee and other agencies monitor the supply and distribution of essential commodities under the PDS and send their reports to the State Governments, who are empowered to take action in this regard.

(f) and (g) No Sir. The internal distribution of PDS items including inter-district, intra-regional, urban and rural areas allocations are decided by the State Governments/UT Administrations who take cor-

rective action in areas from where reports of non-availability have been reported by them within their State. The State Administration also monitor the supply and availability of essential commodities, including the enforcement of provisions of Essential Commodities Act.

Statement

Ration cards issued under the Revamped Public Distribution System State-wise as reported upto 30-4-92.

	State/U.T.	No. of Ration Cards issued
1	Andhra Pradesh	27875
2	Arunachal Pradesh	4691
3	Assam	7986
4	Bihar	4371
5	Gujarat	39898
6	Haryana	NIL
7	Himachal Pradesh	24
8	Jammu & Kashmir	NIL
9	Karnataka	42127
10	Kerala	NIL
11	Madhya Pradesh	310000
12	Maharashtra	350000
13	Manipur	36265
14	Meghalaya	NIL
15	Mizoram	3434
16	Nagaland	NIL
17	Orissa	38578
18	Rajasthan	69068
19	Sikkim	NIL
20	Tamil Nadu	5479
21	Tripura	17847
22	Uttar Pradesh	830305
23	West Bengal	26463
24	A & N Islands	NIL
25	D & N Haveli	NIL
26	Daman & Diu	NIL
27	Lahshadweep	NIL

Demand and Supply of Essential Commodities

1164. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER :

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :

SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made an assessment of the annual demand and supply of essential commodities under the new Public Distribution System;

(b) whether the essential commodities have been supplied as per the requirement of consumers; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?